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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/629,595	MOISY ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Jerry Redman	3634	

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 December 2008.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-3,5-8 and 10-20 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 1-3,5-8 and 10-20 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.

4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.

5) Notice of Informal Patent Application

6) Other: _____.

The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 4 and 9 has been cancelled; and

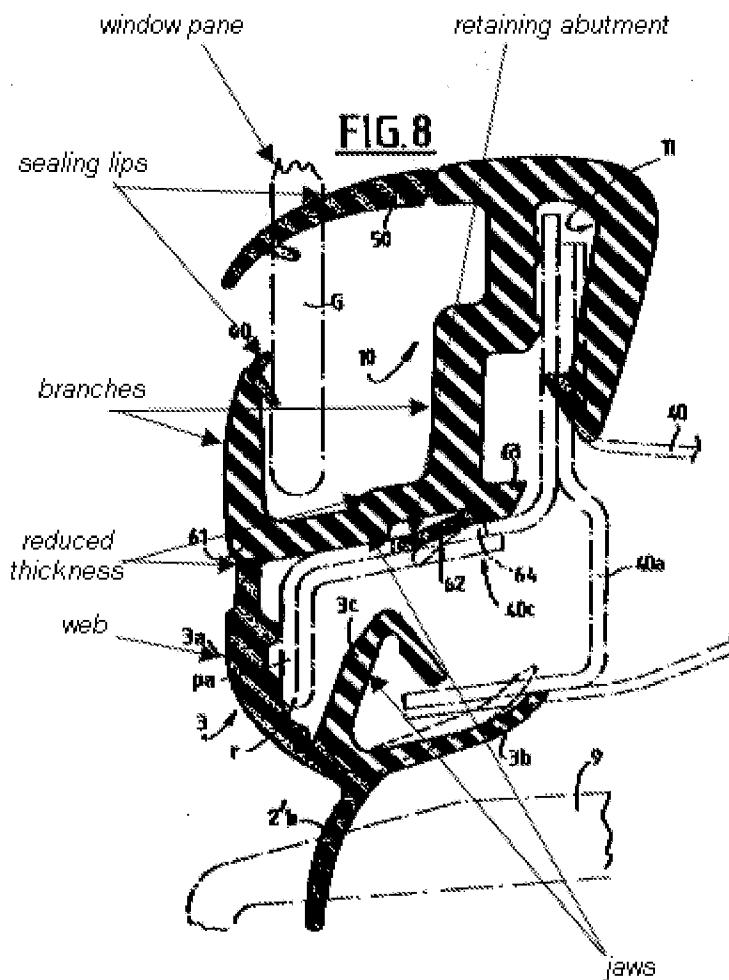
Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 10-20 are herein addressed below.

Claims 17 and 18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In claim 17, line 2, and claim 18, line 2, the phraseology “a hidden frame type” and “a single flange type” is not readily understood by the Examiner. Is it a frame or not? Is it a flange or not?

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3, 5-8, and 10-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. patent to Gueneau et al. (5,319,883) in view of Weimar (4,542,610). Gueneau et al. (5,319,883) disclose an elastomeric/plastomeric weather-strip (See figure 8 below) forming a slideway, a web (3a) having two jaws forming a channel, a retaining abutment (62) contacting a projection (64) from the flange (40c), and two parallel branches (see figure below) having sealing lips (see figure below) contacting a window pane (G) and having a root with reduced thickness. Gueneau et al. (5,319,883) fail to disclose a reinforcement element.



Weimar ('610) discloses the use of a reinforcement element (18) located at any position along a weather-strip (column 5, lines 19-37). It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to provide the weather-strip of

Gueneau et al. (5,319,883) with a reinforcement element as taught by Weimar ('610) since a reinforcement element provides extra strength and rigidity to the weather-strip along portions which need strengthened.

The applicant's arguments have been considered but are not deemed persuasive. Firstly, the Examiner respects the applicant's arguments with respect to the 35 U.S.C. 112 2nd paragraph rejections but the phraseology "....-type" is indefinite and fails to positively recite the claimed invention. Again, is it a hidden frame and a single flange or not? With respect to the art rejection, the applicant states that the wire of Weimar has a different use and not a reinforcement element per se. The Examiner respectively disagrees. It appears that the applicant is arguing the references individually and not the combination thereof. The wire of Weimar ('610) clearly states (column 3, lines 13-14) "one of the purposes of the wire insert is to enable the sealing strip to be stiffened". Thus, taking the rejection and the combination of the references as a whole, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would look to Weimar to reinforce the weather-strip of Gueneau et al.

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jerry Redman whose telephone number is 571-272-6835. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F from 8 to 6.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ms. Mitchell, can be reached on 571-272-7069. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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